

Minutes of the regular meeting and work session of the City of Winslow Arts Council held on October 20, 2016 at 4:30p.m. at City Hall, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, Arizona.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Todd Roth  
Randy Barton  
Christa Knox  
Cheri Russell

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Sarah Smithson  
Sam Connor

**STAFF**

Roberta Cano

The meeting was called to order at 4:41 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed. Cheri moved to excuse absent members from the meeting. April seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTE APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 REGULAR MEETING**

The minutes of the October 6, 2016 Regular Meeting were reviewed and Christa moved to approve the minutes as presented. Cheri seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one from the public came forward to speak.

**STATUS REPORT**

**A. Update on the Halloween/ Fall Festival for the community.**

The Recording Secretary informed the Council that the event has turned into a collaboration between several City Departments and the Arts Council, with the following departments participating: Winslow Police Department (giving candy), Recreation Department (giving free swim passes), Finance Department (giving candy), Housing Department (giving candy), Historic Preservation Commission (giving a healthy snack), and the Chamber of Commerce (giving candy and decorating the venue). The Recording Secretary informed the Council that at least 3-5 people will be needed to help with passing out the pumpkins and goodies on the night of the event. Todd, April and Christa stated that they will be at the event to help.

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF**

**A. Discussion in reference to possibly entering a float into the Christmas Parade.**

Cheri suggested that the Arts Council enter a float in the Christmas Parade. A discussion took place in reference to the work and time involved with creating a float for the parade. April stated that she could not obligate to the float project, as she is committed on parade day, Todd stated that he is committed to take pictures at the parade, Christa stated that she could not help as she is already doing a float for the

Jr. High Art Club, and the Recording Secretary stated that she is obligated to other commitments on the Christmas parade day. The Council decided that it would not be practical to try to create a float this year, but may consider doing a float next year.

**B. Discussion in reference to continuing the Second Saturday event.**

A discussion took place in reference to possible locations that might be willing to host or rent their venue for future Second Saturday events. Cheri suggested that we ask the Sipp Shoppe owner, Sandra Meyer to allow the Council to use the vacant shop next door to her business (formerly known as Dar's Diner). The Recording Secretary stated that we need to ensure that we have an artist to show in November, as the scheduled artist (Gwen Setalla) has not confirmed that she will be showing at our next event. The Recording Secretary asked April to contact Gwen Setalla to confirm the artist for the month of November and she will secure the venue. Cheri suggested that we get in touch with Artist, Brian Joe who had expressed interest in showing at one of our Second Saturday events. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

**C. Discussion in reference to starting a drive to donate to local food banks (Empty Bowls Project).**

Christa provided an overview of the Empty Bowls Project to the members of the Council that were not present at the last meeting, explaining that ceramic bowls will be created by artists which will then be sold or auctioned to people to raise money for a food bank or charity. Christa stated that the auction or sale could potentially take place at the Jr. High, as the gallery is almost done. Cheri suggested that we conduct a sale at one of our Second Saturday events. Todd asked what the target date was for the event to take place. Christa stated that she would like to have the event in the Spring and any assistance from the Arts Council, either monetarily or volunteer would be beneficial. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

**MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

Cheri suggested that we assist the High Desert Dance Academy by participating in their current fundraising effort, explaining that there are large paper squares at the dance studio that can be purchased for \$20, which will have the purchaser's signature on it. Cheri further stated that we should consider buying some squares, as the dance group has helped the Council on two different occasions. The Recording Secretary stated that the proposal will be placed the next agenda for consideration.

Randy Barton stated that he will be stepping down from his seat on the Arts Council, as he will no longer be maintaining his shop in town and anticipates much travel for various art shows and events. Randy further provided information in reference to his new endeavors, stating that he has been busy all summer traveling to several cities participating in Art events. The Council thanked Randy for his service to the City and Art Community, and extended an open invitation to him for all future events or meetings related to the Arts Council.

April stated that the feedback from the Grease Sing-A-Long was awesome, and the turnout for the event was huge. The Recording Secretary stated that on Friday night 218 people came to the performance and on Saturday night 285 people came. The Arts Council donated \$503.00 to the Winslow High School Drama Club. A discussion took place in reference to future performances that might be considered. Further discussion will take place at a future meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Todd moved to adjourn the meeting. April seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Sarah Smithson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Roberta Cano - Recording Secretary